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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is Reply to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2008 in the above-identified patent application.

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the claims of Group II, namely, article claims 19-23. This provisional election is made with traverse.

The requirement for restriction is respectfully traversed because it is based upon an incorrect conclusion. The restriction is assertedly justified on grounds that the groups of claims lack unity of invention because the technical feature of the coating liquid which they share is supposedly not novel over Hugh et al., US 2,512,058. This is incorrect. Hugh et al. does not describe any specific composition within the scope of the claims. The TiO<sub>2</sub> content in Example 1 of Hugh et al. is 10 wt-%. Furthermore, the compositional ratios of the examples of Hugh et al. are completely different from the presently claimed invention. Therefore, Hugh et al. is not an anticipatory reference, and the shared technical feature of the claims is novel. It follows, that unity of invention exists under PCT rules 13.1 and 13.2, and the requirement for restriction should be withdrawn.


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If there are any questions regarding this Reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the examination of the application.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 038788.57734US).

Respectfully submitted,

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